



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; comment request; “Responses to Office Action and Voluntary Amendment Forms”

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce

Title: Responses to Office Action and Voluntary Amendment Form

OMB Control Number: 0651-0050

Form Number(s):

- PTO-1771
- PTO-1822
- PTO-1957
- PTO-1960
- PTO-1966

Type of Request: Regular

Number of Respondents: 472,301 respondents per year.

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Respondent's Obligation: Required to Obtain or Retain Benefits.

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Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER] to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, via e-mail to Nicholas_A._Fraser@omb.eop.gov, or by fax to 202-395-5167, marked to the attention of Nicholas A. Fraser.

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